

## **Public Interest Test – EIR**

**Reference Number – DAERA/25-452**

### **Requested Information**

for the period from 01 January 2020 to present

1. Any applications, licences, permits or authorisations granted to ReGen Waste Ltd (and related companies) under DAERA's remit including waste, pollution prevention and control, discharge consents, or contaminated land authorisations.
2. Records of any environmental inspections or monitoring carried out by DAERA or its contractors in relation to ReGen Waste Ltd including data, measurements, and technical reports.
3. Copies of any environmental impact assessments, screening opinions, or scoping opinions prepared in relation to ReGen's operations.
4. Details of any enforcement actions, improvement notices or formal warnings issued by DAERA to ReGen Waste Ltd.
5. Copies of all correspondence between DAERA and ReGen Waste Ltd regarding environmental regulation, licensing or complaints.
6. Any records or engagement with local councils, NIEA or Warrenpoint Harbour Authority relating to ReGen Waste Ltd.

### **Exemption / Exception under consideration**

Regulation 12 (4) (b), Manifestly unreasonable request.

#### **Reasons why the public interest would favour disclosure:**

- Greater understanding of local environmental issues.
- More effective public participation.
- Promote transparency.

#### **Reasons why the public interest would favour withholding:**

- Puts the Department under a burden of excessive work.
- Puts a strain on the resources available to the Department.
- Detracts Department officers from the regulation work that still needs to be carried out.

### **Conclusion**

Following consideration of the Public Interest Test the Department has concluded it would not be in the public interest to divert staff time and public money to work towards the release the information requested.

